

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Dylan A. Fernandes***

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

**An Act to promote natural carbon sequestration.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Dylan A. Fernandes*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Plymouth and Barnstable*

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 537 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to promote natural carbon sequestration.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 21N of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, after section 3B, the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 3C. The Secretary shall, in consultation with the department and the coastal zone  
4 management office created in Section 4A of Chapter 21A, develop a quantified net positive  
5 statewide carbon sequestration and storage goal for natural and working lands as defined in  
6 Section 1. In consideration of Massachusetts’ substantial coastline, the Secretary shall study the  
7 sequestration capacity of its salt marshes, seagrasses, and waterways in developing the  
8 Commonwealth’s carbon sequestration goal. The sequestration goal shall be determined in  
9 agreement with the statewide greenhouse gas emission reductions goals as established by the  
10 Secretary.